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1. ON JANUARY 25, PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF MADE THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT CONCERNING PRIME MINISTER OSMAN'S JANUARY 21-22 VISIT TO MALTA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: FOLLOWING AN INVITATION BY THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER OF MOROCCO AHMED OSMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. MOHAMED BELKHAVAT, SECRETARY OF STATE, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER (IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS), MR. MOUSSA SAADI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND MERCANTILE MARINE; MR. MEHDI MRANI ZENTAR, MOROCCO'S AMBASSADOR IN ROME; MR. DAHMAN LAJACHI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FISHERIES; MR. OMAR BELKORA, DIRECTOR EUROPE/AFRICA DIVISION AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; MR. MOHAMED LAHLOU, CHIEF DE CABINET OF SECRETARY OF STATE (IN CHARGE OF HANDCRAFTS); MR. KAMAL LAKHDAR, OFFICER OF THE PRIME MINISTER (CHARGE DE MISSION) AND MR. ABDELHAMID BENNANI, SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER ARRIVED IN MALTA ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT LAST WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1976.

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THIS VISIT FOLLOWED A VISIT BY A MALTESE DELEGATION, LED BY MYSELF, WHICH WENT TO MOROCCO IN NOVEMBER 1974. A DELEGATION OF MALTESE OFFICIALS VISITED MOROCCO AT THE END OF APRIL 1975.

ON THIS OFFICIAL VISIT MOROCCO'S PRIME MINISTER WAS WELCOMED AND GIVEN HOSPITALITY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA. OFFICIAL TALKS WERE HELD BETWEEN MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS OF MOROCCO'S GOVERNMENT AND MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT. LONG DISCUSSIONS WERE ALSO HELD BETWEEN ME AND THE MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THESE TALKS HAS ALREADY BEEN RELEASED TO THE PRESS AND I AM LYING A COPY OF THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

FOUR AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED ON JANUARY 22, 1976, THE LAST DAY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT. THE FIRST ONE IS ON TRADE COOPERATION, THE SECOND ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, THE THIRD ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE FOURTH ONE ON THE ABOLITION OF VISAS. I AM PLEASED TO LAY A COPY OF THESE TREATIES ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

THESE TREATIES OPENED THE DOOR TO DETAILED AGREEMENTS ALREADY CONCLUDED IN FOUR SECTORS. REGARDING THE FIRST OF THESE SECTORS, CONCERNING SHIPBUILDING IN OUR DOCKYARD, I AM GLAD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO HAS UNDERTAKEN TO AGREE, FOLLOWING TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, TO ORDER FROM ONE TO TWO STERN TRAWLERS.

IN THE FISHING SECTOR, THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO PROMISED TO LEND FREE OF CHARGE, WITHIN THREE MONTHS, A FISHING TRAWLER TO TRAIN MALTESE YOUTHS IN THIS INDUSTRY IN MOROCCO. IF THIS SUCCEEDS, THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO LEND ANOTHER TRAWLER. THESE TRAWLERS WILL BE ON LOAN FOR SIX MONTHS AND AT THE END OF THE SIX MONTHS THE GOVERNMENTS WILL MEET AGAIN TO CONSIDER THE

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FEASIBILITY OF JOINT VENTURES.

IN THE HANDCRAFTS SECTOR, THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO OFFERED TO PROVIDE FREE TRAINING OF MALTESE YOUTHS IN LEATHERWORK, WOOD SCULPTURE, BRASSWORKS ETC. ANOTHER OFFER IS TO SEND TRAINERS TO TEACH THE MALTESE IN THESE SKILLS.

IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR, THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT OFFERED TO HELP MOROCCO BY PROVIDING FACILITIES IN OUR SCHOOLS FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH TO MOROCCAN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE MALTESE TEACHERS, THROUGH SECONDMENT, TO TEACH ENGLISH IN MOROCCO.

FINALLY, BOTH GOVERNMENTS REITERATED THEIR PLEDGE TO CONTINUE TO WORK MORE ENERGETICALLY FOR PEACE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: MINTOFF'S STATEMENT DID NOT GO MUCH BEYOND THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE AND PREVIOUS PRESS REPORTS OF OSMAN'S VISIT. SMITH

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